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In re Application of:) Art Unit: 1761
Yukihisa KATO, et al.) Examiner: C.E. SHERRER
Appln. No.: 09/144,851) Confirmation No. 5275
Filed: September 1, 1998) Washington, D.C.
For: FRUIT VINEGAR FROM RAW) November 1, 2002
MATERIAL...)

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action of
May 2, 2002, for which a three-month extension of time to
respond is hereby requested, please enter the following
amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 21 as follows:

5' 21. (Fourth Amendment) A method for producing
a fruit vinegar comprising subjecting to acetic acid
fermentation by acetic acid bacteria in the presence of
ethanol one member selected from the group consisting of
(a) and (b), wherein

(a) is a member selected from the group
consisting of lemon juice, lime juice, yuzu juice, kabosu
juice, sudachi juice, and shii kuwasa juice, wherein said
member is

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